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News

Happy 2023 –By Col MM0NDX

As the world celebrates the start of 2023, I hope you all have a great New Year ahead.

Although there's been, and continues to be, many struggles globally, we can for sure look back on 2022 as a good year for DX and DXpeditions. The solar cycle really started to fire up and it's been great to see the higher bands (10 & 12m) opening daily.

To the best of our knowledge, DX-World covered everything DX-related last year and we'll certainly do the same again in 2023 – starting off with perhaps the most daring, exciting and high profile DXpedition of recent times – yes, you guessed it – **3Y0J Bouvet**.

But, there's more. Here's a small taster of the year ahead:

VK9WX – Willis Island

FT8WW – Crozet Island

TN8K – Congo

9U4WX – Burundi

VK9CVG – Cocos Keeling Islands

3B7M – St Brandon

HD8M – Galapagos Islands

CY0S – Sable Island

Have a great DX-filled year to come !

3Y7GIA and 3Y7THA Bouvet island –update Jan 1

Although **3Y0J** is by far the main Bouvet Island DXpedition, recently **3Y7GIA** & **3Y7THA** callsigns were added to the QRZ.com database. On mentioning this info on **social media**, a reply from Ken LA7GIA soon cleared up any questions people may have had:

'3Y7GIA and 3Y7THA will be active from Bouvet for a VERY limited number of QSOs. By default the Norwegians have a license to Bouvet, Peter 1, Jan Mayen and Svalbard, we don't need to apply for it, it is in the regulation. E.g I have used JW7GIA several times, and also JX7GIA. We will give more info to our pilots when 3Y7GIA and 3Y7THA will be transmitting. QSL via homecalls.'

So there you have it – straight from the keyboard of the co-leader.

3Y7GIA and 3Y7THA Bouvet island –update Jan 2

Following on from yesterday's info about very limited activity from Bouvet by **3Y7GIA** & **3Y7THA**, now we can report that **3Y/LB5GI** & **3Y/LB1QI** may also QRV from there. Co-leader Ken LA7GIA says:

'This will be the first ever transmission from Bouvet by a LB licensed Norwegian – so very exclusive/rare!!!'

Let's wait and see. The **3Y0J pilot stations** will let us all know if any of these callsigns will hit the airwaves, and if they do it's likely they will make only a few QSOs at the end of the **3Y0J** DXpedition.

9U4WX Burundi –update by Vlad OK2WX

Preparations for the expedition are proceeding as planned. At the end of the year, after several months, we managed to obtain all import permits for amateur radio equipment and therefore the antennas will be shipped in advance in mid-January by air freight to Bujumbura.

FT8WW Crozet Island Update January 3

Most recent log upload completed. 12.5K QSOs made so far. This new upload includes QO-100 QSOs. Note: any recent 40m activity was the result of a pirate

Update January 5

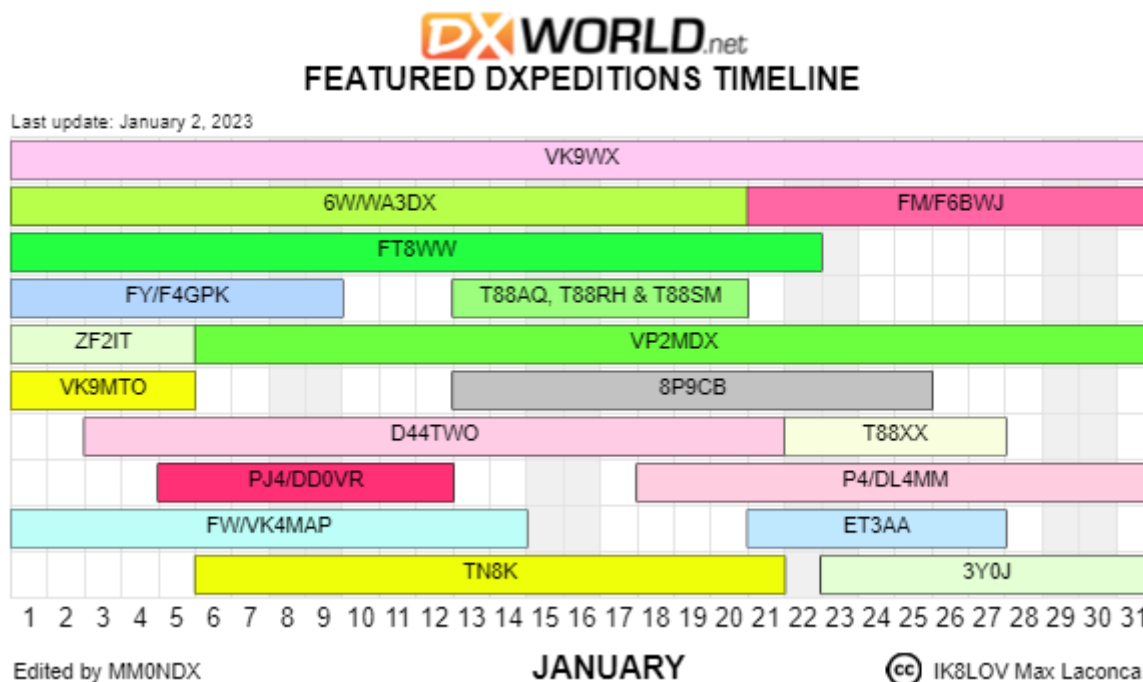
At 11:45z today, we got word from F6EXV that the vertical dipole Thierry is using has broken in strong winds. No word yet on how quickly it can be repaired due to the adverse weather conditions on Crozet currently. However, the G5RV antenna he's also using (which was taken down yesterday) should be operational again soon. Keep an eye on FT8WW [website](#) for more. WX supposed to improve tomorrow (Jan 6th).



K3ZO -S.K

Sad to report that well known radio amateur Fred Laun **K3ZO** has become Silent Key. We know he was a friend of many a DXer. Fred recently fell ill and developed an infection, followed by Covid. His condition got worse in hospital as the days progressed.

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

3Y, BOUVET 3Y0J is a team of 13 international amateur radio operators who, on January 6 will be sailing to, and operating from Bouvet Island with the goal of making over 200K QSOs. The Dxpediton will start its journey in the Falkland Islands, and the team anticipates sailing for 12 days through the treacherous waters of the South Atlantic Ocean before setting up camp, and operating from Bouvet Island for 22 days. At the conclusion of our Dxpediton, the team will then sail another 12 days to the end point of the Dxpediton: Cape Town, South Africa.

6W, SENEGAL Earl, WA3DX is operating as 6W/call until January 20. Operation using FT8 as Dakar - 6W1/WA3DX Mbao - 6W7/WA3DX Kaolack and Saloum Islands (AF-045) - 6W6/WA3DX. QSL via WA3DX direct, LoTW.

C5, GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is once again active as C5YK until February 24. Operation during his spare time on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, home call.

D4, CAPE VERDE Oliver DJ5QW is operating as D4CW and D44DX until January 18. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau.

D4, CAPE VERDE Harald, DF2WO is once again active as D44TWO until January 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via M00XO OQRS.

FM, MARTINIQUE Francis, F6BWJ will be QRV as FM/call during January-March. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, PSK and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

FT/W CROZET ISL Thierry, F6CUK is active as FT8WW. For most recent updates I refer to <https://twitter.com/crozet2022> or the DX-World website. <http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Darren, VK4MAP will be active in 'holiday-style' as FW/call during the first half of January 2023. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB only. QSL via home call.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Pierre-Jean, F4GPK is active as FY/call until January 9. Operation on HF in 'holiday-style' from the QTH of FY5KE in Kourou.

HC, ECUADOR John, N9EAJ is active as HC1FIT from Otavalo. QRV until January 22 from 40 to 10 meter using mostly SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until March 13. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or buro.

P4, ARUBA Jeff, VA3QSL will be active in 'holiday-style' as P4/call between January 10 and February 8. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via QRZ.com.

PJ4, BONAIRE Heli DD0VR and Bigi DE3BWR are operating until January 13. Operation on HF using low power. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau.

PJ4, BONAIRE Look for Jeff WA2BOT as PJ4JP during the RTTY Roundup Contest (Febr 7-8). Outside the contest he signs as PJ4/call. QSL via LoTW.

TN, CONGO The CDXP group will be active as TN8K between January 7 and January 20. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QO-100 also. Based on the local internet availability, they plan to use Club Log Live Stream wherever it will be possible. Live Stream link [here](https://www.cd xp.cz/). <https://www.cd xp.cz/>

TR, GABON Roland, F8EN is active as TR8CR until mid-March. Active from 30 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

VK9W, WILLIS ISL Sands, VU2WXW is operating as VK9WX until end April. <https://www.qrz.com/db/VK9WX>

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Thaire, W2APF is once again QRV as VP2MDX until March 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Tom, N2TSR will be operating as VP2V/call between January 7 and January 15. Operation on 20 and 10 meter. QSL via home call.

Caribbean tour by Francesco, IZ7KHR

FM, MARTINIQUE FM/call Jan 5 and Jan 12

FG, GUADELOUPE FG/call Jan 6 and Jan 13

KP2, US VIRGIN ISL KP2/call Jan 8

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN PJ7/call Jan 9

V2, ANTIGUA V2/call Jan 10

J7, DOMINICA J7/call Jan 11

Operation in 'holiday-style' using SSB and FT8 QRP. QSL via home call.

Coming up soon

8P, BARBADOS Chris, WA7RAR will be active as 8P9CB from Sea Cliff Cottage between January 13 and January 25. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

ET, ETHIOPIA Look for K4ZW, W9XY and EY8MM as ET3AA during January 14 and January 21. Operation on HF using various modes. QSL via N200.

P4, ARUBA Mathias, DK4MN will once again be active as P4/call and P40AA between January 18 and February 2, 2023. An entry in the CQ 160CW contest is included as P40AA. Focus on the low bands and WARC using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via DL4MM.

T8, PALAU JA6EGL/T88SM, JH6WDG/T88AQ and JR6DRH/T88RH will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror during January 13-20, 2023. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via each operators instructions.

On the scene...VK9WX Willis Island



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-015 Penang Isl Rich, PA0RRS is active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS- 015), West Malaysia until March 29. He operates CW (most of the time "no split") and digital modes (RTTY, FT8 and FT4) on 40-10m. On FT8, he says, if there are too many callers he will switch to F/H on 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21084, 24911, 28091 kHz. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via PA0RRS.

AS-032 Tanega Isl JS6RRR/6, JI3DST/6 and JJ5RBH/6 is again active until January 10. Operation from 80 to 2 meter using all modes. See QRZ.com for QSL information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

9U, BURUNDI Elvira, IV3FSG will together with Vlad OK2WX be operating as 9U5R between February 4 and February 27. Operation from 80 to 6 meter (no 30m) using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IK2DUW.

FG, GUADELOUPE Philippe, F1DUZ will once again be active as FG4KH between February 15 and March 7. An entry in the REF SSB contest and ARRL SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

J7, DOMINICA Laurent FM5BH and Yuri VE3DZ will be active as J79BH between February 20 and February 26. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW. QSL via FM5BH, LoTW or Club Log OQRS.



THE REMINDERS

3B7, ST BRANDON Members of the OM7M contest club and CDXP (OM5ZW, OK6DJ, OM3PC, OM4MW, OK2ZA, OM3KAP & OM4MM) will be operating as 3B7M between February 24 and March 5, 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OK6DJ, Club Log OQRS.

9M0, SPRATLY ISL DX0NE is valid for a Dxpediton to Kalayaan, Spratly Islands sometime within the first 6 months of 2023. Team will be with Mike DU1XX, Jong DU3JA, Ed 4F1OZ and Gil 4F2KWT. No specific date(s) yet set for the expedition. License was issued to Gil, 4F2KWT.

9Q, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpediton in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

9U, BURUNDI Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9U4WX between February 4 and February 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB (no 30m). QSL via IZ8CCW, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://www.mdxc.support/9u4wx/>

C5, THE GAMBIA Team C5C will once again be active between February 14 and March 14, 2023. Operators are F5RAV, F5NVF and M0NPT. Operation on HF and possible QO-100.

CY0, SABLE ISL Permission for a Dxpediton has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CY0C Sable Island Dxpediton team will be active as CY0S during March 20-29, 2023.

<http://cy0dxpediton.net/index.html>

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpediton to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be QRV as FM/call and as TO7O between March 21 and March 28, 2023. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. Outside the contest he will be on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FO0, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as TX5XG during April 12-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via home call.

<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL Didier, F6BCW plans to be active again as TX7G sometime November 2023 but with a large team. More to follow.



FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11, 2023. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS from Manakwai Village (northern Malaita Isl). Activity from February 10 until May 8, 2023. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Jim WB2REM, Chris VO1IDX, Mitch KH6M and Bob KE2D will be active from Santa Cruz as HD8M. Operation during March 1-11, 2023. QSL via WB2REM direct, OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.hd8m.com/index.html>

HK0, SAN ANDRES ISL For a 2 week period in May 2023 (dates to be announced), Renato will again be active from San Andres island as HK0/PY8WW.

J8, ST VINCENT Gert, PA2LO will be active as J8/AJ4YX between February 11 and February 21, 2023. Operation during his spare time. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included, besides the contest Gert will be mainly active using SSB and FT8.

JD1, OGASAWARA Members of the G-G Ham Club (JD1YCC) plan EME activity from Ogasawara island during February 7-13, 2022. Team includes: JP3EXR/JD1BPY Taka, JA1PFP/JD1BQB Taka, JJ3JHP/JD1BQD Hiro, JH3BUM/JD1BPX Masa, JH3QFL/JD1BQA Taki, JH3VAA/JD1BPI Mamo, JH3AZC/JD1BPW Kay. They will depart Tokyo by ship on February 5th arriving 24 hours later. On arrival they will undergo an onsite verification test by the Telecommunications bureau on February 7th to get the license for 160m to 23cm. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JD1YCC>

JD1, OGASAWARA Look for JD1BQP (JP1IHD) from Chichijima between April 29 and May 6, 2023. Operation mainly on HF using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

KH2, GUAM Look once again for BJ as AH2/WA7WJR during the first week of March, 2023. <https://www.questsofdiscovery.com/dxpedition>

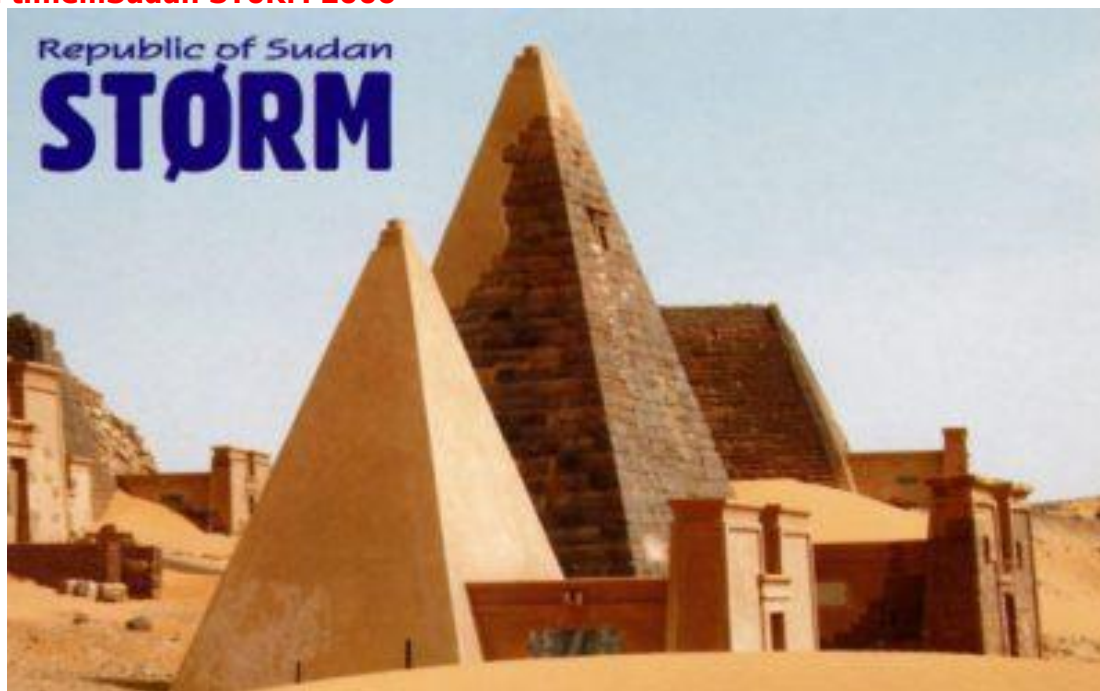
KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again sometime 2023.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Update by LB5SH: I'm planning a new Dxpedition to OJ0 Market Reef in Q2 2023, together with three other operators. We're planning to keep two stations active around the clock, for about seven days. We will also give VHF a shot this time – 6m, 4m, and maybe even 2m.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will be operating as PJ2/call from March 4 until March 22, 2023 as PJ2/call. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

PJ2, CURACAO Bob AA1M, Steve W1SR and Mike W1USN will be active as PJ2/calls from February 20 until March 3, 2023. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls, direct or buro, LoTW.

Back in time...Sudan STORM 2006



PJ4, BONAIRE Scott, NE9U will once again be operating as PJ4/call from February 11 until February 26, 2023. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included as PJ4A (with K2NG, N9TTK and W9RE). QSL for PJ4A via K4BAI, PJ4/homecalls via LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS John, W5JON will be QRV as PJ5/call during March 28 and April 4, 2023. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via direct or LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA between March 4 and April 1, 2023. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSO will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will be operating as PJ7/call from Oyster Pond area. QRV during March 1 and March 7, 2023 from 20 to 10 meter using QRP CW. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU A Japanese team with JH3LSS (T88DK), JA3HJI (T88DN), JA3IVU (T88ED), JA3ARJ (T88EF) & JA3AVO (T88MB) will be active during January 20-27, 2023. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via homecalls.

V4, ST KITTS V47JA will again be active from his Calypso Bay vacation home, located 300 feet from the Caribbean Sea, from January 31 to February 15, 2023. QSL via W5JON or via LoTW.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISL Nobby, G0VJG will be operating during February 17-24, 2023 as VK9CVG. Operation with a FT-857 and a Butternut HF6V antenna. More to follow.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Look for the EIDX group as VP2MEI around March 23 and April 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Look for VP2V/AA7V during the ARRL DX CW contest (Febr 18-19). Steve will then be operating from Tortola, outside the contest he will be QRV during some spare time using FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29, 2023. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS John, N9EAJ will be operating as VP5/call between March 8 and March 22, 2023. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log and LoTW.

XU, CAMBODIA This Dxpedition had been due to take place during March, however since many of the team were from Ukraine it's clear it had to be postponed. Juris YL2GM, team leader explains: My team planned expedition XU7AKT in March. The expedition had to be cancelled due to the war in Ukraine. However, Latvian Radiosport Federation supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating. More info can be found on the LRSF homepage: <https://www.lral.lv/lrsf/index.html>

Vlad OK2WX soon as 9U4WX



YJ, VANUATU Bob W7Yaq and Al K7AR will be operating as YJ0A between February 9 and February 23, 2023. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. A Multi Single effort for the ARRL CW DX Contest is planned. Logs will be uploaded daily to Club log. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or K7AR.

YJ, VANUATU A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in December 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

Montserrat VP2M



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-019 Lampedusa Isl A large team with S51V, S52OT, S54W, S56N, S57DX, S59A, S50O and S50X will be active as IG9/S59A from January 23 until January 31, 2023. An entry in the CQWW 160 CW is included. Outside the contest operators sign as IG9/calls on all bands and all modes.

ASIA

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

EUROPE

EU-189 Isle of Rockall The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-049 Providencia Isl HK3EA/5J01EA and HK3MKQ/5K0VT will be active during February 27 to March 5, 2023. QSL via LoTW, QRZ.com.

NA-057 Roatan Isl Alex K6VHF will once again be QRV as call/HR9 between February 8 and February 15, 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, home call.

NA-122 Isla Cabras Team members of Loma del Toro DX Club will be operating as HI0LT during March 12-19, 2023. Operation from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via EB7DX.

NA-249 Culebra Isl Team KP3RE will once again be active during February 17-19, 2023. This will be a combined IOTA, POTA, SOTA, BOTA & USI activity. QSL via EA5GL.

OCEANIA

OC-139 Troubridge Isl Look for VK5PAS, VK5MAZ, VK5FR, VK2YK, VK5LA and VK5HS as VK5TIL on February 7-9, 2023. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

Antarctic Base

Base Dumont d'Urville FT4YL

Base Concordia FT4YM/P

Base Little Dome C FT4YM/P

Base Cape Prud'homme FT4YM/P

Mehdi, F5PFP informs that David **FT4YM** is again QRV from Antarctica during the next summer campaign (March 2023).

Amundsen-Scott Station George KJ4CHT is the overwintering doctor at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica. He's a newcomer to the ham radio hobby (previously only having local FM QSO experience), however is becoming familiar with remote set up, using **Ham Radio Deluxe** logbook, and is looking forward to trying HF bands soon. QSL manager, Bill K7MT, suggests George will be on air soon (next 7-10days) and most likely 20 SSB. Callsign to look out for: **KC4AAA**

Halley VI base Seba, SQ1SGB is active from 75° 35' 00" S, 26° 34' 00" W – Loc: HB64RK. Halley Research Station is a research facility on the Brunt Ice Shelf operated by the British Antarctic Survey (*tnx F8DVD*).

Maitri Base Station Sunny, VU2CUW is active from the Indian Maitri Base (70°46'S – 11° 43'E). When time permits he will QRV on HF bands using AT42I callsign – 42nd scientific expedition. More info to follow..

Novolazarevskaya Station Look for Oleg, ZS1OIN as RI1ANU from Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica. QRV on HF bands when time permits using IC-7300, amplifier and beam antennas. QSL via H/c.

Palmer Station For the 2022/23 US-Antarctic scientific season, there's a new ham operator based at Palmer Station, Anvers Island, AN-012. Look out for Cody running KC4AAC on the HF bands when time permits. There is a triband antenna at the station. QSL via K7MT.

Vostok Station Look out for Alex UG1A (ex.RD1AV), Ivan UB1AQB and Zahar (ex.UH4NAE) to be active during their spare time (January 1 to March 31, 2023) from Vostok Station, Antarctica as RI1ANC and/or RI30ANT (30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club). RI1ANC QSL via RN1ON. RI30ANT QSL via RZ3EC.

Niue, E6



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

9A, CROATIA **9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DR100XRAY** commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the end of June 2023. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF**

is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN Special callsign **EG1NMP** will be active on 7-10 January in remembrance of the wreck of the "Monte Palomares" (10 January 1966). QSL only via LoTW and eQSL. The Spanish freighter sank in the North Atlantic, and only six of her 38 crew were rescued. One of those survivors was the ship's electrician Manuel Gonzalez, VK3DRQ, whose first-hand account of that tragic sinking can be found on <https://maritimeradio.org/in-distress/1966-monte-palomares/>. (TNX 425DX)

GM, SCOTLAND Special event station **GB2KW** is active again until January 28 from near Inverness, Scotland using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. QSL via LoTW. Also active from England, especially over the "KW Weekend" (7-8 January), are expected to be **GB0KWD**, **GB4KW**, **GB5KW** and **GB8KW**. (TNX 425DX)

LA, NORWAY **LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LY, LITHUANIA **LY1923KK** commemorates the uprising of the Klaipeda region 100 years ago from Jan. 10 until Feb. 10. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ319TS** (January and February), **LZ522ME** (March and April), **LZ78KA** (May and June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)



OE, AUSTRIA **OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM **OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. (TNX 425DX)

SM, SWEDEN **8S80AA** is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA Special event station **AT18BSG** will be activated on 1-15 January for The 18th National Jamboree of Bharat Scouts and Guides to be held in Pali, Rajasthan. QSL via VU2NRO. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA Once again the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2WB) will provide assistance during the Ganga Sagar Mela on Sagar Island (AS-153). This is the annual gathering of Hindu pilgrims to take a holy dip in the Ganges, where the river merges with the Bay of Bengal. Expect some

activity on the HF bands as **AT2WBRC** on 5-17 January.

W, USA The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/0** through **K3Y/9**), plus **/KH6**, **/KL7** and **/KP4**. Information about the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...ZF2IT Cayman Islands



THE REMINDERS

DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45th anniversary until September 30, 2023. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The German section of the International Federation of Railway Radio Amateurs

will put their new club callsign **DL0OF** on the air with the special DOK MKO until Jan. 25. QSL via bureau and DL4CR (d). (TNX DXNL)

HA, HUNGARY The following special event stations mark the 200th birthday of the Hungarian poet Sandor Petofi until March 15: **HG200AN**, **HG200DO**, **HG200EF**, **HG200IR**, **HG200OT** und **HG200PS**. QRV on HF on CW, SSB, and FT8. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

HH, HAITI Special event station **HH75RCH** will be QRV from Port-au-Prince, Haïti until May 1 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Radio Club D'Haïti. QRV on HF bands, QSL via N200. (TNX 425DX)

Round Island NA-121 (KL7)



I, ITALY The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

January: **II4TRN**; TURIN: air - ground radio communication experiments (1915)

February: **II4STL**; SESTRI LEVANTE (GE): Demostation of blind navigation by means of radio beacons (1934)

March: **II4ANC**; ANCONA: radio communication experiments with Poldhu station (Cornwall) (1904)

April: **II4BRI**; BARI: inauguration of the first Italian radiotelegraphic station with commercial purposes (1904)

May: **II4GNV**; GENOVA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

August: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932)

September: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental

radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

LX, LUXEMBOURG **LX4HNY** is currently active until Jan. 8 next year. QSL via LX1JH. (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Celebrating New Year, special calls **PH23HNY** will be QRV until end January. QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)
Huizen and Rotterdam). QSL via PB2X.

S5, SLOVENIA Special event station **S523PMC** is active until 8 January to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 7-8 January. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND Special stations **SP90ENIGMA** (QSL via SP3PGR) and **SP90ENG** (QSL via SP3PDO) are active until 15 January to mark the 90th anniversary since Polish cryptologists first broke the Enigma cipher. (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2023NY** and **UE23NY** will be active from 28 December to 8 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club. QSLs via RQ7L. (TNX 425DX)

VR, HONG KONG In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

YO, ROMANIA **YR1400VT** is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)

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On the scene...TN8K Congo
Just under 500kg of equipment



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